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Dorset Rec Centre remains closed through 2022

by SUE TIFFIN
Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at a May 19 meeting of Algonquin Highlands council.

Algonquin Highlands township staff and councillors are getting what Mayor Carol Moffatt called a "tremendous number" of phone calls and inquiries regarding the re-opening of the Dorset Recreation Centre.

As a result, updates about the rec centre will be shared online as they are available, to help keep the public informed and decrease calls regarding the issue.

An update on the township's website posted May 19 reads in part:

"The Dorset Recreation Centre (DRC) is a highly-valued community hub and it's acknowledged that its continued closure is frustrating to many. Unfortunately, the DRC will remain closed for the coming months to ad-

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To market, to market

Sarah O'Hanley, from left, occupies her three-year-old daughter Charlotte O'Hanley of Minden while her mother Joan Wilson of Maple Lake speaks with Haliburton potter Sharon Lynch during the first day for the Haliburton County Farmers' Markets in Minden on Saturday, May 21. See more photos on page 13. /DARREN LUM Staff

Sixth COVID-19 wave has peaked: MOH

by SUE TIFFIN
Editor

The following are brief reports from a Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge district health unit board of health meeting held virtually on May 19.

Dr. Natalie Bocking, medical officer of

health, gave a COVID-19 update to the board, noting that she believes the region is now "on the downslope of the wave" according to a number of indicators.

The number of new daily cases identified has halved in the last two weeks, and the number of active outbreaks is still significant but has decreased. Test positivity in the region is down from its highest of 23 per cent

to 10.1 per cent, compared to 18 or 19 per cent in other public health regions.

"We're seeing fewer hospital admissions, although we are still seeing a steady stream of hospital admissions," said Bocking.

Wastewater surveillance last week showed Cobourg's viral signal trend increasing while Lindsay's is decreasing.

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HHOA completes stocking of area lakes

The Haliburton Highlands Outdoor Association has completed its 2022 Spring stocking of lake and rainbow trout in area lakes. This year the HHOA raised approximately 15,000 lake trout and 20,000 rainbow trout at its hatchery on Gelert Road. Fifteen HHOA volunteers stocked the trout in 18 area lakes over a 12-day period. Some lakes were stocked from shore by HHOA trucks carrying fish tanks, others were stocked by boat and two were stocked by MNRF helicopter.

“Stocking thousands of fish in multiple lakes is a very big job that involves a lot of moving parts and a lot of people power,” said Dan Smith, HHOA president. “Timing is critical. Water temperatures have to be just right. It’s a lot of co-ordination and hard work but it’s well worth the effort to help maintain good fishing in our lakes.”

Randy Charter moves on

Randy Charter, the HHOA’s volunteer fish hatchery manager is moving on to other pursuits after completing this year’s stocking. Charter has managed the hatchery, co-ordinated the yearly stocking and taken on numerous other jobs over the past seven years.

“I want to thank all our volunteers over the years for coming on board, working hard and helping to build an awesome team,” he said. “The HHOA is a wonderful organization with so many great people, with like interests and various life skills and experiences coming together to achieve a common goal.”

“Randy has been a wonderful member and friend to the HHOA. His contributions have been outstanding. He will truly be missed and we wish him the best going forward,” added Smith.

Since 1998, the HHOA has raised and stocked over 800,000 fish in local lakes.

For more information visit HHOA.on.ca.

Submitted by the
Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association



Rainbow trout being loaded onto MNRF helicopter. /Photos submitted by Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association

Randy Charter, volunteer fish hatchery manager, directs loading of rainbow trout onto helicopter. Charter has managed the hatchery and co-ordinated the yearly stocking for the past seven years.



Municipal election candidate update

Registration for Ontario’s municipal elections opened on May 2.

Anyone wishing to run for council has until 2 p.m. on Friday, August 19 to file nomination papers. Residents considering or wishing to run for council can find information and forms on their lower-tier municipality’s website or by contacting the municipal offices.

As of press time, in Algonquin Highlands, Julia Shortreed, current Ward 1 councillor and Lisa Barry, current Ward 2 councillor, have filed their nomination papers for another term. They join current Ward 3 councillor Jennifer Dailloux who has filed for a second term, and current deputy mayor and Ward 2 councillor Liz Danielsen who has filed her nomination papers for mayor. With Shortreed’s filing, this means

all members of the current Algonquin Highlands council are running again, with the exception of Mayor Carol Moffatt who has announced her intentions to not run.

In Minden Hills, current Ward 1 councillor Bob Carter has filed his nomination papers for mayor, looking to take the seat Mayor Brent Devolin is vacating, while fellow Ward 1 councillor Jennifer Hughey has filed her nomination papers for a second term as councillor. Longtime councillor and current deputy mayor Lisa Schell has filed papers to run again as deputy mayor. Councillor Pam Sayne has filed to retain her position for a third term as Ward 2 councillor.

In Dysart et al, Daniel Roberts has filed for the Ward 2 councillor spot, while longtime school board trustee Gary Brohman has filed his nomination papers again for the

English public school board spot. In Highlands East, Cecil Ryall, current Ward 3 councillor and Deputy Mayor, has filed his nomination papers for another term. Michel Charron of Verona has filed for the French separate school board trustee position.

The 2022 municipal and school board election will be held on Oct. 24.

For more information on voting in Algonquin Highlands, visit www.algonquinhighlands.ca/elections.php.

For more information on voting in Minden Hills, visit mindenhills.ca/clerks-department/elections/.

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County	Municipality	Active cases (current)	2022 Total cases	2022 Case rate per 100,000 population	Non-outbreak cases (cumulative)	Outbreak cases (cumulative)	Hospitalizations (cumulative)	Deaths (cumulative)
▲ Haliburton	Algonquin Highlands	0	24	948.2	24	0	1	0
Haliburton	Dysart et al	7	156	2,287.4	120	36	5	2
Haliburton	Highlands East	0	42	1,194.2	37	5	0	0
Haliburton	Minden Hills	1	97	1,465.9	81	16	1	0
Kawartha Lakes	Kawartha Lakes	36	2,730	3,355.1	1,777	953	65	25
Northumberland	Alnwick/Haldimand	3	214	2,720.6	191	23	6	2
Northumberland	Brighton	7	316	2,497.0	277	39	15	3
Northumberland	Cobourg	8	605	2,967.7	386	219	13	3
Northumberland	Cramahe	4	164	2,539.9	146	18	8	2
Northumberland	Hamilton Township	6	228	1,861.4	205	23	4	0
Northumberland	Port Hope	7	357	2,051.1	259	98	5	2
Northumberland	Trent Hills	6	535	4,005.4	278	257	15	5
Total HKPRDHU	All Municipalities	85	5,468	2,859.4	3,781	1,687	138	44

COVID-19 by the numbers

The health unit's May 20 update reported two new cases of COVID-19 in Haliburton County, while seven new cases were reported in City of Kawartha Lakes, and 16 in Northumberland County. The health unit notes these numbers do not accurately capture the spread of COVID-19 in the community as PCR testing is limited to those who live or work in high-risk settings./Screenshot from hkpr.on.ca.

Masking, avoiding indoor gatherings still recommended

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During the Omicron wave, since Jan. 1 this year, there have been 135 hospital admissions, 27 ICU admissions, 44 deaths and 74 outbreaks related to COVID-19, a higher burden than at other times of the pandemic.

Bocking recommended, as always, staying up to date with COVID-19 vaccination, staying home if sick and wearing a mask in indoor spaces.

“As you know, the province really moved towards an individual risk assessment approach in terms of whether or not people should wear masks or be attending crowded events, and certainly people that are at higher risk of developing severe COVID-19 may need to take more precautions rather than other individuals,” said Bocking. “At this point in time, there is still Omicron variant circulating, we are still seeing new infections, we are still seeing new hospital admissions, I would still recommend that people wear a mask in indoor crowded spaces, especially crowded, larger gatherings.” Bocking said at this time she recommends that people avoid large, crowded indoor gatherings if they’re able to and if they’re not able to distance. Bocking said those recommendations might clear in the next couple of weeks but said that while the region is on the downside, there’s still Omicron variant circulating and the health unit is still seeing the results of that.

COVID-19 vaccination

Bocking said there are still more than 11,000 individuals in the region that are eligible for their booster dose of COVID-19 vaccine who have not received it. She said the health unit has not seen the demand for

the second booster dose “that one might have hoped,” and there are empty spots at vaccine clinics.

“We are ensuring people have access, but I have heard from some individuals that there’s a sense from people that they’re going to get Omicron, if the vaccine is not going to prevent them from getting Omicron then why should they get it, is one rationale that I’ve heard, the other rationale that I’ve heard is that maybe we’ll just wait for the fall,” said Bocking, noting she would challenge that rationale. She said she still recommends those eligible for first or second booster doses receive those doses, as they don’t prevent infection but are quite effective – upwards of 85 to 90 per cent – at preventing severe illness. Bocking said it also appears from data that vaccines are effective at preventing post-acute symptoms – or so-called Long COVID.

Regarding vaccination clinics, Bocking said there have been 25 clinics in May, with 2,100 still-open appointments, and 21 clinics planned for June. Ten GoVaxx (mobile bus) visits in May are planned with 19 GoVaxx visits in June and 51 schools have been visited, a total of 99 clinics, with 868 total doses provided to children with parental permission.

Yellow ribbon means give space

The yellow ribbon campaign, or Caution: I Might Bite campaign is an animal bite awareness and yellow ribbon communication campaign to prevent dog bites. The campaign recommends that a yellow ribbon be tied to the leash or collar of a dog that requires space from human touch.

“It gives the general public a little bit of a vi-

sual indicating that this animal needs space,” said Richard Ovcharovich, HKPRDHU manager of health protection.

“It’s not necessarily that the animal is aggressive, there’s a number of reasons why dogs should not be pet or need more space – it could be a dog after surgery, a rescue dog which is more fearful, could be a service animal where you shouldn’t be touching that animal because it needs to be able to focus on the job that it has, or it could just be a tired, old and grumpy dog that should not be petted

or doesn’t want to be pet.”

Ovcharovich encourages families, especially children, to realize what the yellow ribbon or marker means and give the animal space. It’s best not to approach or try petting the animal without the owner’s full attention and direction, he adds.

In each of the past three years, the health unit has investigated more than 600 animal bite/scratch incidents in Haliburton County, Northumberland County, and the City of Kawartha Lakes.

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(VIRTUAL) COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council and Closed Session meetings are currently being conducted virtually via web conference meetings, until further notice. Meetings begin at 9:00 AM unless otherwise noted. The schedule of upcoming meetings are:

May 26 – Regular Council Meeting

June 9 – Regular Council Meeting

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by joining a live-stream link available on the township website at www.mindenhills.ca/council/ or by using the direct link provided in the notice. Meeting agendas are not displayed during the meeting, please download by visiting our website at www.mindenhills.ca/council/. Please note the live stream file/video will be available to the public for the duration of one week after the Council Meeting.

HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT

The first Hazardous Waste Event is here and will be held **Saturday, May 28, 2022** at the Minden Community Centre (55 Parkside Street) from 8AM to 2PM. Paints, aerosols, batteries, cleaners, fluorescent bulbs and more will be accepted. Please visit mindenhills.ca/landfill for a full list of items.

TENDER OPPORTUNITIES

Keep informed of current projects available to bid on by visiting our website at <https://mindenhills.ca/tenders/> for a list of available tender opportunities.

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Effective Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. the Sedgwick Bridge will be closed to complete the replacement of the bridge. There will be a detour in place during the construction; please watch for detour signs. For more information visit www.mindenhills.ca.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

We are currently recruiting for the following positions within the Township:

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- Payroll Administrator
- Community Services Casual Operator
- Summer Students in Parks
- Summer Students at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre



Please email sprentice@mindenhills.ca or visit www.mindenhills.ca/employment-opportunities/ for more information.

ARE YOU ON THE LIST OF VOTERS LIST?

Find out if you are on the voters list for the upcoming municipal and school board elections at voterlookup.ca. Voterlookup.ca is an online service used to collect and confirm information that will be used in the preparation of the final Voters' Lists across Ontario. You can also change your school support for electoral purposes and add names to your property address. If you do not have access to the internet, please visit the Administration Office, Clerks Department, 7 Milne St., Minden. If you need support, please call 1-866-296-6722.



COMMUNITY SERVICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Minden Hills Parks, including Rotary and Panorama Parks, playgrounds and Tennis Courts are now open for your enjoyment. Due to safety issues the Minden Hills Boardwalk remains closed to pedestrians and cyclists until further notice. We ask that you obey the signs and barricades.

A MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Operate Fireworks safely, obey all local laws and by-laws. If you have a camp fire make sure you are allowed to burn, remember daytime burning requires a permit. If you are camping obey all the rules at the camp ground. If you see a fire or an emergency call 911.

Dorset Rec Centre updates will be posted online

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dress mould and moisture issues throughout the building. Importantly, the issue poses no health concerns for past facility users.”

The town’s community centre has been closed as a result of an ongoing mould issue discovered in March last year – at first, the mould was discovered during a small renovation project in the downstairs bathroom, and a further investigation showed greater spread of the mould and moisture.

“The township undertook a professional assessment to provide recommendations and cost estimates to repair the problem areas,” reads the update. “As well as addressing insulation and waterproofing, pandemic-related provincial direction on ventilation requires improvements, with overall estimated costs of some \$900,000.”

An application to the Ontario Trillium Fund was unsuccessful, that process taking four months. Council has included the costs of the repair of the building in the reserves of the 2022 municipal budget. Funding from the Investing in Canada’s Infrastructure Grant totalling \$100,000 will help fund the ventilation portion of the project.

“The costs are not insignificant, as the township chose not only to fix the identified problems, but also to invest further in this vital community link,” reads the update.

Chris Card, parks, recreation and trails manager, said staff is continuing to work on finalizing plans and developing a tender for the work needed to be done.

“It is expected that it is going to be something that very likely is going to bring us into next year,” he said.

Councillor Julia Shortreed said she appreciated the updates being made online.

“I love that idea – so many people, every week, are asking, asking, is it ever going to open, so that would be fantastic,” she said.

“Some folks are saying we’re not doing anything, we’re just going to leave it there, and that is absolutely not the case,” said Moffatt.

The centre is home to an air-conditioned squash court, weight and fitness room, meeting rooms, two kitchens, showers and a gymnasium equipped with volleyball, basketball, floor hockey and pickleball equipment, as well as public computers and printing. It’s used for recreation as well as private parties, meetings, workshops, dances and weddings.

Further information including updates about the Dorset Recreation Centre can be found here: <https://www.algonquinhighlands.ca/dorset-recreation-centre.php>

Septic re-inspection program discussed

Council had a planned general discussion on the township’s septic re-inspection program, which ends this year after five years.

Property owners whose septic systems had issues after inspections in 2020 should expect follow-up at this time, while those with issues in 2021 will be contacted soon. Those whose systems were identified as being problematic in 2018 might see possible orders issued if the problems haven’t been corrected.

Mayor Carol Moffatt asked what council would like to do with the program after it ended – start again immediately at the beginning, or wait a year or a few years to begin again.

“It’s like painting the bridge in Sydney, Australia, as soon as you finish painting at one end, you start at the beginning again,” she said.

Moffatt said she wondered if people in Zone 1, which she noted includes herself,

“might bulk at another \$200, five years later.”

“I feel really strongly that we continue this program,” said Deputy Mayor Liz Danielsen, acknowledging the work done so far. “Given what we’ve been hearing at the county level about shoreline preservation and protection of our lakes, we’ve heard so many people say ‘you need to be looking at septic,’ ‘you need to deal with septic,’ it was just a consistent thing.”

She said she would like to see council develop a new program going forward, following up on properties that were of concern and looking into new properties that have been developed in the past five years or had crossed an age threshold after five more years since the program started.

Councillor Jennifer Dailloux asked if the company helping conduct the program might offer notes on lessons learned that would help the township make changes if necessary.

Councillor Lisa Barry said going forward it would likely be more a maintenance program rather than inspection program, and asked about the local economic opportunity if municipalities joined to do the program at the same time.

Moffatt said there should be a county-wide inspection program but until that occurs, the Algonquin Highlands program needed to continue.

“We’ve learned a lot but I think the property owners have learned a lot, too,” said Councillor Julia Shortreed.

Councillors agreed an education piece to help the public understand best practices for septic system care would be helpful and requested staff report back with recommendations though noted the program would not begin again immediately in 2023.

Maple Lake landfill accessibility

Councillor Lisa Barry told Adam Thorn, public works supervisor, that she’d been receiving feedback about accessibility at the Maple Lake landfill.

“A lot of people are having trouble physically going the distance to do their recycling, and are in lineups, I’ve heard several complaints and I just want to know if anything is happening to address some of those concerns.”

Thorn said that traditionally, Maple Lake landfill users have been able to pull up, and back their vehicles toward the bins in order to unload their waste or recycling.

“What we’re finding is that this is creating a lot of congestion in this area, it’s also creating a very hazardous possibility for collision to happen,” he said. “It’s kind of surprising a collision hasn’t happened yet because it does get very congested in the area.”

Thorn said staff have put up markers to create three lanes of traffic at the site, to keep traffic flowing without the possibility to back in to the bins.

“This is temporary as we move forward with this operation centre,” said Thorn. “This isn’t the plan moving forward at the centre for the next year or so, it just helps with traffic flow and helps with safety.”

“So what we gain in flow and safety we lose in what is perceived as an accessibility challenge for people who have to lug things,” said Moffatt.

Deputy Mayor Liz Danielsen said she appreciated what staff was trying to do, but said she saw some “minor cases of dump rage, possibly myself being included,” during an experience she had on a busy Saturday.

“Given that people didn’t know where to go, and there was no signage, they were kind of all over the place, and I thought that what

we had done had created a greater risk for traffic incidents. There were vehicles going in every direction because they didn’t know what to do or which lane to go in or because they knew they were going to have difficulty carrying them went some place they weren’t supposed to go.”

Danielsen said she didn’t know what the solution was but there were a lot of “unhappy campers.”

She said it resulted in some people having to carry heavy bags further now, and there are “literally some people who can’t do it.”

She said the attendants might need to provide more information about the set-up.

Thorn said staff had reviewed the site and felt the current set-up was safest for traffic flow given the design of the site. He said they had looked into signage and it had been installed the day before, and that training of staff at the site to help direct people where to go was now in place. While the possibility of carts were raised, Thorn said that can create more problems if people don’t return the carts or leave them dirty or in an unsafe place.

“The best option we could come up with is what we have in place now,” said Thorn, but said staff would monitor how it was working to keep it as efficient as possible.

Soccer program looking for coaches

The first summer soccer program to be held in Stanhope since the start of the pandemic is seeing “very good uptake,” with “everyone excited to see that up and running,” said Chris Card, parks, recreation and trails manager.

The township is still looking for volunteer coaches to help. Card noted they’ve “had a number of people step up,” but “the more hands the better.” He said it’s a great opportunity for high school students looking for volunteer hours.

Those interested will receive coach certification training.

For more information contact Sandra Rogers, Algonquin Highlands recreation coordinator at recreation@algonquinhighlands.ca.

Disconnecting from work

By June 2, the township is required to have a policy in place to be compliant with Bill 27, *Ontario Working for Workers Act, 2021* which requires employers with more than 25 employees to have a written workplace policy with respect to disconnecting from work.

“The *Employment Standards Act, 2000* defines ‘disconnecting from work’ to mean ‘not engaging in work-related communications, including emails, telephone calls, video calls or the sending or reviewing of other messages, so as to be free from the performance of work,’” reads a report from Angie Bird, CAO/deputy clerk. “The guide states that this definition is not exhaustive and other types of work-related communications could also fall under it.”

“It really is to ensure that employees have a work-life balance, that we allow them to disconnect from work while they’re at home and on their free time,” Bird said to council. “It’s interesting, while we were drafting this policy – we already do this. We value the work-life balance and staff are encouraged to disconnect when they’re at home, when they’re on vacation, when they’re on their free time. We have a way of connecting if we need to if it’s urgent when someone is off, but we really respect staff’s time when they’re away from work.”

Bird said the policy won’t change anything for staff or what the township does, but another policy will come forward for those who work on standby or on call.

“It’s good, over the years you develop a working relationship, Angie and I have a text code, ‘sorry to bug you,’ but that means, ‘I need you for something.’ If it’s just, ‘don’t forget about the policy or the thing about this for Monday,’ but everybody sort of works their own communication relationship but it is, after hours, it’s, ‘sorry to bug you, but.’”

Deputy Mayor Liz Danielsen said she considered the policy well-developed and balanced.

“I suspect that members of council are guilty of – I know that I’m apt to be reading an agenda at midnight, and you think of something and send an email and there’s no expectation of a response, but should we stop doing that? As long as everybody understands there’s no need for a response, that it’s not urgent?”

Moffatt said that was a good question.

“I have sent emails to get it off of my plate, and I’ll get a response on a Sunday morning from a staff member, and I think, ‘oh, that’s not what I meant!’”

Bird said it was likely everyone was guilty of that.

“It’s just important, on both sides, to know that if a council member sends an email to a staff member at midnight, there isn’t an expectation to respond until working hours, unless you say, ‘I’m really sorry.’ Personally, you wouldn’t get me at midnight. On the flip side, if you don’t get a response, it’s OK. I think it’s just that understanding.”

“I think there’s what the words say on the page and then there’s those internally developed working relationships, which I think is very important,” said Moffatt.

Councillor Jennifer Dailloux said her brain expands to think about things beyond minutiae either late at night or Saturday morning that she’s too busy to focus on during the day.

“It’s in those relaxed periods where I have some of those deeper questions, and I want to whip a question off to [staff], ‘Has the township ever thought about this, etc.?’ and it’s nice to hit send. ... Would that be the way going forward, then, so that anything coming from our emails over the weekend is known to not exist until Monday morning, on their side?”

Moffatt said yes, unless it’s urgent.

“What’s interesting, we’re trying to discern how to manage our own internal communication and our own relationships at midnight and on Saturdays, so I think that’s an important note too, that councillors undertake their work at different hours based on their own lives, then staff here,” she said.

Councillor Lisa Barry asked if it was a faux pas to send something at midnight knowing there would be no response.

“You get a ding on a Saturday from a councillor, is that seen as overstepping the policy?” she asked. “I wouldn’t expect a response until Monday.”

“The easy answer is, unless it’s an emergency, don’t send something after hours,” replied Moffatt. “We could commit to that.”

“I think it’s about being reasonable,” said Bird. “I think it’s just being aware. And if it’s as simple as, ‘don’t worry about this until Monday, adding that in your email,’ and staff are fully aware, they’d recognize an emergency. They too, can choose to respond if they want to, ‘get that off my plate before Monday and then I don’t have to deal with it Monday morning’ – that’s also a choice. But recognizing that it’s not expected unless it’s an emergency.”

Joint accessibility committee reviews municipal election accessibility plans

by **SUE TIFFIN**
Editor

In a Haliburton County joint accessibility committee meeting held May 11, municipal election accessibility plans for each of the four municipalities were reviewed. The plans for each of the municipalities look to ensure that electoral services are accessible and barriers to voting for people with disabilities are identified and eliminated.

Election staff have been trained on accessible customer service, which includes guidance on what to do if a person has difficulty accessing election information or services, and how to provide voter assistance if necessary. Support people are able to accompany a person with disabilities by appointment and upon signing a declaration, service animals are permitted and interpreters who are not candidates or scrutineers are permitted. In some townships, digital voting stations will be set up for 10 days prior to election day with trained election officials on site for anyone to use, and in some cases for accessibility purposes, a tablet can be brought to vehicles to allow residents to vote by curbside method.

In-person voting will be available in sites deemed to be accessible with accessible parking and washrooms, signage, level and slip-resistant floors, well-lit areas and seating,

and space to use mobility devices.

In some municipalities, voters will be able to vote by telephone or internet from Oct. 14 to election day on Oct. 24. In Minden Hills, advance voting takes place from Oct. 8 to Oct. 24.

“By allowing persons with disabilities to vote from any location and from a selection of methods, there is a potential increase in the capability for the individual to vote without any assistance,” reads the Algonquin Highlands plan. “This provides persons with disabilities the same independence and privacy in participating in the election as other voters.”

After reviewing the plans, the committee agreed to recommend to each municipality that they offer a sort of “customer satisfaction survey” post-vote to those who accessed services on offer, to ensure they were appropriate.

“Every effort should be made to follow-up with individuals who required assistance to ensure the accommodations met the needs of individuals and allow opportunity for suggestions on how the process could be improved in future elections,” said CAO Mike Rutter, summarizing comments made by Councillor Cec Ryall and committee members Sarah Levis and Phylis Baker.

“Knowing how helpful people found the support is going to be very useful,” Levis said.



Finding treasures at the Book Nook

Minden resident Judy Webb, from left, speaks with Sue Reid at the Mega Book Nook Sale on Saturday, May 21 at the Minden library branch. The Minden Hills book sale in support of Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library accepts payment by donation to support library enhancements and programs. It continues weekly from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Fridays until the last Friday of August. /DARREN LUM Staff



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A better future

RECENTLY I was reading a picture book to my children prior to bed. The book, *Our Planet: There's No Place Like Earth* by Stacy McAnulty, like many books and TV shows geared to kids nowadays speaks to the effects of climate change and the importance of both individual and collective action in mitigating those effects.

My kids – and likely your children or grandchildren, too – hear the news on the radio, watch science documentaries and learn at school about how to be environmentally conscious through energy conservation, consumption reduction and other choices we make on a daily basis. But it was in that quietness of the evening that my youngest, who is seven, piped up to ask a question I had long anticipated: “Will that happen here?”

Parenting in these times, with this generation of kids who are living life alongside war, environmental catastrophe, a completely unknown and unstable future compared to previous generations, and an ongoing pandemic, is really something else.

Young people themselves report feeling angst about bringing children into a world facing a climate emergency – in a recent survey of 10,000 people aged 16 – 25 in ten countries, about four in 10 said they are hesitant as a result of the climate crisis to have children. About six in 10 of those same study participants said they are very or extremely worried about climate change and almost half said they feel distressed or anxious about the state of the climate to the point it affects their daily lives and ability to function.

“Respondents rated the governmental response to climate change negatively and reported greater feelings of betrayal than of reassurance,” reads the study abstract. “Correlations indicated that climate anxiety and distress were significantly related to perceived inadequate government response and associated feelings of betrayal.”

There is no more pressing concern in this election – in any future election, on

any level – than our environment and our response to climate change. Every issue will matter to someone, especially our most vulnerable populations – affordable housing, quality education, our overwhelmed healthcare system, long-term care challenges – and these issues intersect in numerous ways, but climate change and environmental crisis puts greater stress on each of these important issues. We’ve seen, just this past weekend, how intense storms can take out power – an inconvenience for some but life-threatening to others, including our elderly population. These outages also result in a direct interruption to systems in place by and for families, with four schools just south of us closed due to ongoing outages. We know that as people in other communities are pushed out of their own homes due to fires and flooding

and coastal erosion, they need a place to go while we already have an affordable housing crisis. Drought across North America and elsewhere results in food shortages here, and weather and temperature fluctuations change our ecosystem, resulting in increased or decreased wildlife populations.

Everything we do – work and play – will be affected by these changes. It’s not enough to be reactive as the changes force emergencies on us, we need to be proactive in anticipating them, and making sustainable progress to the way we live.

It is happening here, I told my child, but it’s why we do our best as individuals, look for the helpers, learn what we can about nature so we appreciate it, and hope the majority will do the same.

It’s why it’s so important – more now than ever - we vote for a government that takes action and is best suited to deal with not only issues we will face in the next 20 years, but challenges we face now and in the next four years. Ask your local representatives what their plan is to address the climate crisis, question their priorities and review the policies of each of the parties before you vote.

Our kids deserve the hope of a good future, and sweet dreams before bed.



SUE TIFFIN
Editor

Kwarky



‘Am I half-asleep or half-dead?’

Ramping it up

HERE’S SOMETHING that has been on my mind lately. I don’t want to make a big stink about this or anything, which is ironic since the subject is wild leeks.

When exactly and why did we change the name from wild leeks to ramps? Also, whose idea was it to advise people to only pick only one leaf from each wild leek plant?

I know. These questions make me sound like an old guy set in his ways and totally resistant to change. That is a pretty accurate assumption too. But hear me out.

Let me begin with my take on the first question. I happen to think the name change from wild leek to ramps was nothing but a silly misunderstanding. My theory is some well-meaning person thought the word “leeks” was spelled “leaks.” And they therefore concluded that using the phrase was cultural misappropriation that borrowed from the language used by people with bladder issues. As such, I believe it was an honest mistake that can be easily corrected.

They are not ramps. They are wild leeks. But maybe I’m wrong on that. In which case, if you really feel the need to change the name of a vegetable, might I suggest the rutabaga? I think we can all agree that’s a name that really needs changing. Here’s an idea. Why not call them “stairs”? What’s that? Stairs are things that take you from one level to another you say? Like a ramp? You see what I’m getting at?

The last time I looked, ramps were something driven on by wheeled vehicles to change levels too. Which is ironic because, if someone drove a wheeled vehicle across a leek-carpeted forest floor, there would be

hell to pay these days.

This leads to my second question: Why are we being asked to take only one leaf from each leek? If you ask me, that’s like taking one leg off a pig and thinking you are being kind to the poor animal.

This is cruel. Sure, the ramp lives, but it is permanently disfigured and probably traumatized. I know you leaf harvesters mean well. But you’re essentially making life hard for that leek. And you are terrorizing the others. Can’t you see that?

And why do this just for leeks? What makes them so special? Why not leave the wild apple on the tree after taking a small bite out of it?

I get it. We are trying to pick them in a sustainable way. The last time I looked however, many of the forests around here were carpeted with leeks – and most are private property where picking is minimal.

Never mind that we have enough leeks here to give the entire world bad breath. And very few people take more than a handful – mostly because they like having a social life.

And, maybe I’m wrong, but I always thought the whole idea was to eat the bulbs. That’s what goes in our leek and potato soup and the jars of pickled leeks we sometimes make.

I do not disagree with the idea of protecting them from overharvesting. But can’t that be easily addressed by having someone eat a raw leek and then lecture others about the need not to take too many?

Having said that, if it let’s you sleep better at night, go ahead and pick a single leaf off each ramp. As for me, I’m older, so I’m just going to really enjoy having a leek or two.



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

A gun range disgrace

AN ORGANIZED gun range is a beautiful place. It's a classroom – indoors or out – because it teaches valuable lessons. Lessons in safety and care and maintenance of weapons and ammunition.

Most importantly, gun ranges are places where you learn discipline and respect. Respect for rules and the discipline to ensure that you and others follow them.

Regretfully, there is a gun range in Haliburton County that is not a beautiful place. It's a place where respect does not exist and discipline is nowhere to be found. It is a garbage-strewn, dangerous place and a disgrace to us all.

It's the abandoned gun range on the former Frost Centre area on the west side of Highway 35 near Margaret Lake Road. It is not the former Frost Centre property bought by the Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU). OPSEU bought the 40.6 acres of Frost Centre property bounded by St. Nora Lake and Highway 35.



JIM POLING SR.

From Shaman's Rock

Some Frost Centre activities, an old sawmill, a maple syrup demonstration site and the gun range, were conducted in the bushland on the other side of Highway 35 but were abandoned when the Frost Centre was closed in 2004.

That area was not part of the OPSEU purchase and is public land owned by the province. The township offers cross-country ski trails through the area and has erected signs saying a pass must be purchased to use them.

The gun range is accessed through a rough dirt road off Margaret Lake Road. It is gated but the chain lock has been broken many times and the gate has been wide open for many months, if not years.

People are still shooting there, without any organization, supervision or usual gun range protocols. They have turned the place into a garbage dump.

One of the first rules a shooter learns is to pick up spent casings. When you finish firing, you bend down and collect the empty shells.

Hundreds, if not thousands, of spent shells litter the range grounds, along with other garbage. There are plastic and brass shotgun casings, plus brass rifle and handgun shells. Some of the handgun rounds are .38 and .45 calibre – the type used by law enforcement.

There is a building on the gun range. It is a substantial, well-built structure that has been vandalized. Its doors are torn off and the inside is strewn with used targets, empty beer cans and a variety of other garbage.

I have no idea who is using the range. There was shooting there (it sounded like handgun shots) this past weekend.

The place needs to be shut down immediately. Who is responsible for doing that, I don't know - it doesn't matter who. Just get it done.

I am not writing this because I am anti-gun or opposed to shooting ranges. In earlier days I was a competitive shooter who competed against Michigan State Police and U.S. Army combat defence teams. It is a challenging fun sport and one that teaches responsibility and focus.

But what's happening at the old gun range off Highway 35 is a sickening disgrace.

This is Haliburton County, not some U.S. hillbilly county where people who have eaten squirrels for too many generations do a lot of stupid things and are content to live surrounded by their own squalor.



/Photo by Jim Poling Sr.



Blow away dandelion

Initially imported to America by Europeans as a food crop, for their edible leaves, flowers and roots, dandelions are rich in vitamins A and K, as well as calcium, iron, and magnesium. Before you chomp them or mow them though, consider saving them for the bees, butterflies, moths and some species of birds./SUE TIFFIN Staff

letters to the editor

Climate change survey ends soon

To the Editor,

Did you know that the County of Haliburton values your opinion on how we face climate change? This is your opportunity to express your thoughts on the importance of protecting natural spaces in Haliburton County as a nature-based solution to climate change. Complete this survey today at <https://haliburtonclimate.ethelo.net>

Nature-based solutions to climate change are easily within our reach. The county is rich in forests, wetlands and biodiversity. Protecting healthy ecosystems builds resilience to climate change. For example, wetlands maintain water quality, mitigate flooding, store carbon, protect shorelines and provide opportunities for recreation and tourism. Protecting wetlands positively impacts your quality of life.

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust is pres-

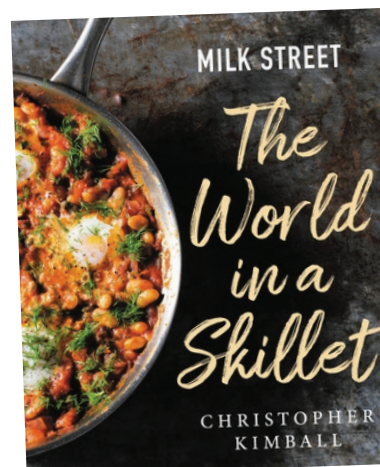
ently working to protect a wildlife corridor that stretches from Queen Elizabeth II Provincial Park to Kawartha Highlands Provincial Park and east to Silent Lake Provincial Park. The 107,000 ha corridor contains 35 species at risk and 11 Provincially Significant Wetlands.

For more information on the Highlands Corridor and to watch a stunning and informative video follow this link: <https://www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca/our-projects/the-highlands-corridor/>

Have your say! Complete the survey to let the county know how important it is to protect this significant wildlife corridor as a nature-based solution to climate change. The survey closes on May 30.

Sheila Ziman
Algonquin Highlands

HCPL's Non-fic Pick - May



In most North American kitchens, the most common cooking tool is the humble 12-inch skillet. In this book you'll find 125 recipes that will transform and expand the way you use this versatile piece of cookware. Share what the James Beard Award-winning team at Milk Street has learned from cooks in more than 35 countries. From the East African islands of Mauritius for Shrimp Rougaille to India for Chicken Curry with Tomatoes and Bell Peppers.

The skillet is an ideal choice for stir-fried Sichuan Spicy Glass Noodles with Ground Pork, fragrant Vietnamese-Style Lemongrass Tofu, or Mexican-Style Cauliflower Rice. You can also use it to make Three-Cheese Pasta, Skillet-Roasted Peruvian-style Chicken, or Pizza with Fennel Salami and Red Onion.

Great cooking is rarely about which pan you put on your stove. It's about what you put inside it. Push those limits, and find a new world in your kitchen. Check out this great cookbook from Haliburton County Public Library today.



Members of the Minden Rotary Club at the charter night held in June 1947 at Wigamog Inn. Front row: Percy Brintnell, Archie Stouffer, George Zeigler (Parry Sound District Governor), Ken Currie, Don James, Bob Herlihey. Second row: Al Vince, Vince Fountain, E.A. Rogers, Jimmie Smith, Allan (Bunt) Rogers. Third row: Clayt Rogers, Lorne Dawson, Clarence McInerney, Sinc Russell, Leslie Prentice, Harry Cowan. Back row: Ralph Hussey, Morris Windsor, Lawrence Pritchard, Phil Taylor, Cliff Mullen, Bill Coneybeare. Not pictured: Al Barron. /Photo from John Stouffer's collection



A group of Rotarians braved brewing storms in 2017 for a walk to raise awareness of Polio Day, and the service club's international efforts to eradicate polio through campaigns to fund immunization. At that time, Rotary had contributed more than \$1.7 billion as well as countless volunteer hours to immunize more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries. /FILE photo

Minden Rotary celebrates 75 years of service

by **SUE TIFFIN**
Editor

Walking around downtown Minden is like taking a tour of the community contributions of Minden Rotary.

Some are easy to identify – Rotary Park, for one. Others might not have Rotary before their name, but have made an incredible impact on the town and the people who live here, including \$220,000 for the original construction of Minden's arena, \$150,000 for the building of Minden hospital, \$30,000 to Five Counties Children's Centre, and \$25,000 for an annual high school scholarship fund. Minden's tennis courts, the stage and equipment at Archie Stouffer Elementary School, the Agnes Jamieson Gallery building expansion, Lochlin's playground equipment, the refurbished gazebo and interlocking brick in the Village Green, the Riverwalk, the library, Minden's Community Food Centre, the library, Hyland Crest: all have been supported with the help of Minden Rotary.

And of course the club's service goes beyond what we see locally – international contributions include work toward the eradication of polio, youth exchange programs, clean water projects and a dairy farm in India, and dental outreach in Honduras.

The service club is celebrating 75 years of these contributions on June 4, almost exactly to the day in 1947 when the club's charter night was held on June 18 at Wigamog Inn.

Jeanne Anthon is one of the current club's longest standing members, having been a part of Minden Rotary for almost 32 years – she's also, alongside Shirley Kuni, one of the first women to join the local group, in 1991, six years after Rotary began inducting women into their membership after a decision to allow it by the U.S. Supreme Court.

"Once I realized it had previously been an all-male domain I was very timid about attending a first meeting," said Anthon. "But [then-president] Ron Gambell was so enthusiastic about bringing women in, I think that enthusiasm really prevailed with the members and we were treated with great courtesy and respect."

The vote for Anthon and Kuni to join was unanimous.

"I think another factor that helped break the ice was they desperately needed someone to produce their weekly newsletter and I offered to do that, so I think they quickly realized that where there's a void, a woman is perhaps ideal to step in," laughed Anthon.

Anthon said Paul Sisson later came to the club with roses for the women, saying their addition to Minden Rotary was the best thing to happen to the club.

"Rotary's my second family, the club here," said Anthon. "We have so much fun, I wouldn't want to miss a meeting.

We are so productive and caring and that has become part of my lifestyle."

Having served both as a longtime municipal politician and a Rotarian, Anthon said over the years she's become aware that municipalities alone can't fulfill all the functions a community needs. Provincial grants have been reduced so the community becomes dependent on service club organizations to seek outside funding to help build or maintain assets.

While Anthon acknowledges all of the club's contributions over the years, she said Minden Rotary's part in organizing the COVID-19 vaccination clinics last summer was most challenging and demanding, and also most vital to the community.

"This has been a major success story for our club and community," said Anthon. "Our club was the first to realize this was going to be a major need in the community, and we were going to need a lot of people to supply the volunteers to maintain those hours and hours of vaccine need. That to me has been profound."

Anthon said being a Rotarian is an important part of her life.

"When we sit there and see what's going on in the world and think, well, what can I do about it, I'm just one person, that's when an organization like Rotary becomes so effective because I'm one person but I can become part of millions of others in helping to solve some of these world issues, like virtually eliminating polio," said Anthon. "That's an aspect I think is important in our lives, that maybe there's a little something we can do."

She acknowledged Haliburton Rotary, and that while the groups have different agendas, they work together well, noting in particular Ted Brandon's longtime friendship with the group.

Betty Mark, a member since around 2011, is the chair of Minden Rotary's Gala Dinner Celebration.

The dinner, which is an annual fundraiser for community efforts, this year will be even more special, with almost 15 past presidents joining the event, including Dick Schell who was president in 1976.

"We've asked them to write something they remember about the year they were president, a highlight for them," said Mark.

The evening will also pay tribute to some of the events Rotary has hosted in town as fundraisers.

"What pulled me in, was that I had a lot of people stopping me on the street asking me to join Rotary," laughed Mark.

While, like Anthon, Mark volunteers extensively, she said it was nice to join Rotary after her retirement as a teacher.

"It was time," she said. "It was kind of nice to get out and be with other people. When you're not working you're missing all of this contact with other people. It's kind of nice to join



From the Sept. 30, 1991 *Times*: Minden Rotary Club President, Ron Gambell, is flanked by the two newest members of the local service club. Jeanne Anthon, left and Shirley Kuni joined what had been an all-male organization since its inception in 1947. Clubs around the world have been welcoming women into their ranks since 1985.

Rotary and connect with other people, a new social network."

Many members in the group meet weekly, with members who spoke to the *Times* noting they love the fun and fellowship of the meetings. While there, they engage in a Happy Bucks activity, in which members each donate a dollar which then contributes to the group's polio vaccine funding or community efforts, and share something that happened during the week that made them happy.

"And that's what I come away with, a feel good night," said Mark. "It makes me really proud that I am part of this organization that has done so much for this community."

Tickets for Minden Rotary's Gala Dinner Celebration being held on June 4 at the Minden Community Centre are \$75 per person, which includes a prime rib buffet dinner served by McKeck's Tap & Grill and are available online at auctria.events/mindenrotarygaladinner or in-person with cash or cheque payment at Molly's Bistro Bakery from Wednesday to Sunday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information about the event email events@mindenrotary.ca. For a full history of the club, visit <https://mindenrotary.ca/history.html>.

Tourism and business summit rekindles connection

by VIVIAN COLLINGS
Times Staff

The first-annual HaliTAC Tourism and Business Summit forges synergy and a sense of connection among local stakeholders.

The summit was created by the Haliburton Tourism Action Committee (HaliTAC) and made possible by the County of Haliburton Economic Development and Tourism, Ontario Highlands Tourism Organization, and Boshkung Brewing Company.

Twenty-four local businesses and organizations set up booths at the summit where more than 70 people attended, which exceeded the expectations of organizers, on Tuesday, May 17 at Sir Sam's Ski and Ride in Eagle Lake.

Keynote presenter Trevor Benson, CEO of Bannikin Travel and Tourism, noted the importance of synergy.

"Synergy means working together. It's taking lots of different pieces and bringing them together to create something bigger than yourselves, and in our case, cultivating a tourism product," said Benson during his Power and Potential of Synergy in Tourism presentation.

The day also featured opening speeches, sessions hosted by the Workplace Development Board, and an interactive workshop highlighting how a diverse group of businesses in an area can create a collective value for visitors.

Emily Stonehouse, co-chair of HaliTAC, said that Haliburton County is sufficient in terms of individual tourism resources like accommodations and businesses but lacks collaboration.

"What we have been missing in recent history has been the synergy and cohesiveness to thrive as a whole community, but I think we are working towards a new chapter of connections and local support," Stonehouse said.

The Tourism and Business Summit was created for local stakeholders to cultivate these connections in-person among each other as the county moves into the busiest months of the year for most businesses and organizations.

Tracie Bertrand, Haliburton County man-

ager of tourism, said, "Today has been incredibly fantastic. It's doing exactly what we wanted it to do, which is to bring people together, reconnect, and renew that passion and creativity that existed prior to COVID-19. The face-to-face interaction is powerful."

The summit was altered from its original concept by co-chairs of HaliTAC, Stonehouse and Randy Pielsticker when they met with Bertrand. They were in agreement that the summit should align with the Haliburton County Destination Management Plan.

The Destination Management Plan was created by community stakeholders and approved by Haliburton County council, which focuses on a vision for the county to be "where residents and visitors celebrate the essence of Canada's outdoor and creative spirit."

"We created a dynamic and inspiring setting to move the Destination Management Plan forward and incorporate educational components to assist businesses in workforce and product development," Bertrand said.

Stonehouse hopes that attendees of the summit walk away with both a sense of pride in their own business and a desire to collaborate with fellow stakeholders in the county going forward.

Jenn Wanless-Craig, owner of Artech Studios in Tory Hill, said that the summit helped solidify their vision to continue to collaborate with other businesses and organizations in the county.

"We left feeling rejuvenated and hopeful about this summer. We are excited to work with other organizations like Yours Outdoors to run some of our glassblowing workshops and to meet new customers," she said.

Because of the summit's success, Stonehouse hopes the event will be expanded on going forward.

"We hope that this event continues to grow, and potentially even turns into a multi-day event that expands beyond professional development. We think there are opportunities for further training, networking, and maybe even opening up the doors to the public so they can get a first-hand look at all the great things the Haliburton Highlands has to offer," she said.

CHA announces new research effort

Findings will be revealed at meeting on Sept. 10 at Sir Sam's

by DARREN LUM
Times Staff

The Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Association (CHA) is investing in the future of lake health with an investment of a little more than \$21,000.

Announced by the CHA's chair Paul MacInnes at the Lake Stewards Meeting hosted at the Royal Canadian Legion in Haliburton on Saturday morning, May 14, the research initiative features enlisting Hutchinson Environmental Sciences Ltd. who were given directives to consider.

MacInnes said he was excited and over the moon about this opportunity, which is based on the question of whether the past tests did enough and how to improve the applied methodology of monitoring and testing lake health.

He said the CHA gave a list of questions to answer.

"Why do we test and monitor? What to test and monitor? And then, really, uniquely, put each factor in order of priority. Our job to do, maybe not bulletproof, but is testing for phosphorus more important than nitrogen? Where's calcium? Where's the turbidity, etc, etc? Also, look at new technologies and what they have. Where should the data be stored so that it's accessible to scientists and to people around the lake?" he said.

He added testing and monitoring were key, particularly with the various testing programs such as citizen science programs, loon watch and frog watch, in order to determine which of the programs are critical and what costs are associated with each.

"So, what will it cost a lake association to adopt this model? Now, obviously, depending on the size of the lake, you have multiple testing sites it will cost you more than a lake, which only has one or two. So that will all be factored in," he said.



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Heat-Line featured as a success in BDC study

by VIVIAN COLLINGS
Times Staff

Study says only five per cent of small businesses effectively use the technology available to them to grow their business, and Heat-Line is one of them.

Heat-Line was recently featured as a success story in a Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC) study, *Seize the Technological Advantage*. The study found that 91 per cent of small to medium-sized Canadian businesses invested in technology to help them through the COVID-19 pandemic, and only five per cent were successful with their technology use.

The study claimed that digitally advanced businesses “grow faster, are better able to adapt to a changing environment, get the financing they need, and are more likely to export [goods and services].”

Heat-Line, located in Algonquin Highlands, specializes in freeze protection systems to prevent frozen pipes. It was their new enterprise resource planning (ERP) system that allowed them to be successful during a period of growth that saw an increase of demand for their services when people started moving out of cities and into rural areas at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic in spring of 2020.

Heat-Line operations manager Matthew Roberts said, “Orders were flying in, and we used to manage our orders on Excel and enter them manually, which is a very time-consuming process. With the ERP system, when an order comes in, you click a button, and it puts the order on a big-screen TV for

production to start right away. Had we not had the software, I don’t feel we would’ve been able to handle the influx of business that we did because there were too many restrictions with our previous methods.”

ERP systems manage multiple departments of a business at once by collecting information in a common database. This database is accessible on a desktop to business owners and managers.

“It’s difficult to understand the level of visibility that you don’t have into your business when you don’t have this type of system. Prior to this type of technology, something that would have taken 10 minutes before takes maybe 30 seconds now. I can now look at a single sales order to a single customer in the ERP system and I can easily see all their information in one place,” Roberts said.

Heat-Line was able to implement this technology with the help of the BDC’s advisory services. Roberts says that the implementation of an ERP system is worth it for small businesses, although the initial process can be daunting and difficult.

“You get out of it what you put into it. You have to go into the process with the mindset that it will set your business on a whole different trajectory. Don’t expect it to happen and work well if you don’t put the time and effort into it,” he said.

He also recommends a good partner and consulting service to help define what your business needs beforehand.

Heat-Line plans to continue the use of their ERP system long into the future.

“It is now the heart of our business, and we couldn’t see our company without it,” Roberts said.



Heat-Line in Algonquin Highlands, specializing in freeze protection systems, is featured as a success in a Business Development Bank of Canada study, *Seize the Technological Advantage*, for their implementation of an enterprise resource planning system. The study found that only one in 20 businesses use digital technology effectively, and digitally advanced business see more growth and are better equipped to handle difficult circumstances like the COVID-19 pandemic. From left, Heat-Line office manager Laura Roberts, operations manager Matthew Roberts, and sales manager Brent Heise. /Photo submitted by Heat-Line

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Benthic Macroinvertebrate Health Assessments of Haliburton County Lakes

by **ASHLEY EMERY**
Special to the Times

The following is second in a series sharing community-based research projects undertaken by undergraduate students from Trent University or Fleming College through the U-Links Centre. These research questions are based on specific community needs and driven by Haliburton County organizations. CBR brings together the knowledge and expertise from the partner institution's faculty and students to provide relevant and actionable information while students gain valuable real-world experiences. For more information visit www.ulinks.ca.

Benthic Macroinvertebrate Health Assessments are conducted to gain a better understanding of lake health based on the bottom-dwelling insects that live along their shores. Collecting baseline information on species diversity and abundance now, can

be used to track trends in lake health in the future. Benthic Assessments were completed on 24 lakes in the region in 2021, with my efforts focused on Upper Stoney Lake.

To complete the assessment, a three-step methodology process was followed.

This included raw data collection, sample collection, and species identification and analysis. Raw data included water chemistry parameters, aquatic and shoreline vegetation, and substrate type.

Sample collection and species identification followed the Ontario Benthos Biomonitoring Network (OBBN) protocol for lake environments. Samples were collected from Upper Stoney Lake from seven different sites, consisting of two replicates each for a total of 1,400 individual organisms. Samples were collected using a D-net with 500-micron mesh while performing a kick and sweep method. The samples were preserved on site and identified in a lab at Trent University using a dissecting microscope.

Indices used to analyze the data include the Modified Hilsenhoff Family Biotic Index (FBI) which weighs species tolerance to polluted waters, Diversity, and Percent Composition, specifically %Amphipods vs %Insects and %EOT species *Ephemeroptera* (Mayflies), *Odonata* (Dragonflies), and *Trichoptera* (Caddisflies) which require cleaner, healthier waters due to their intolerance of pollution and disturbances.

Results stayed relatively consistent with what was found in 2020. *Amphipoda* (scuds), a tolerant species which can be found in all Haliburton and Kawartha region lakes, was the most abundant and worms were the least abundant. Furthermore, aquatic vegetation was found at all sites with one site possessing a hyper-abundant amount in both years. Water chemistry parameters were consistent, and all fell within the normal ranges for the lakes. The %EOT levels were in the typical range for Haliburton County, with one site having a lower abundance and one with a

higher abundance than normal.

To conclude, the results suggest that most sites had high levels of species diversity and abundance which is indicative of good lake health as both tolerant and sensitive species can thrive in most areas of the lake. To protect aquatic habitats, it is essential to limit anthropogenic sources of contamination, specifically pesticides and fertilizer run-off from lawn treatments. Pesticides can change the chemistry of the water, while fertilizers promote nitrification, allowing for hyper-abundant vegetation to grow. Continuing to monitor these sites will provide data that can help protect these small critters and the large part they play in aquatic ecosystems.

Ashley Emery graduated with an Honours BSc in Biology with a specialization in Conservation Biology and in association with the Medical Professional Stream. She is looking to continue her education by pursuing veterinary school or enrolling for a master's degree.

Gull Lake cottagers celebrate 100 years of history

by **VIVIAN COLLINGS**
Times Staff

A lot has changed in a century, but the Gull Lake Cottagers' Association's devotion to keeping their lake safe and beautiful remains as strong as ever.

The Gull Lake Cottagers' Association (GLCA) celebrated their 100 year anniversary at their Annual General Meeting on Sunday, May 22 at Kilcoo Camp in Minden, situated on Gull Lake.

The event featured registration and a meeting for members, followed by lunch and cake to commemorate their first 100 years as an association.

"There is a lofty and worthy heritage for over one hundred years," said former owner of Miner's Bay Lodge Russ Wunker. "The goals we have as an association are quite similar to what they were when we first started. In this centennial year, may we renew our efforts to reflect the objectives outlined by our first executive committee."

The GLCA's main focus is to promote a healthy, safe lake environment and bring together the Gull Lake cottagers and residents to ensure that the lake and surrounding land can be enjoyed for the next 100 years and on.

In the GLCA spring 2022 newsletter, Wunker highlighted a brief history of the association, explaining that the current association was created 50 years ago, but "the roots of the organization go back to 1920."

In 1920, a year after the influenza pandemic, the Miner's Bay area of Gull Lake saw growth in seasonal visitors and a surge in summer cottage break-ins and burglaries. The Miner's Bay Property Owners Association was formed to protect the properties of out-of-town residents.

At the north end of Gull Lake, the Kawartha Gull Lake Cottagers' Association was formed for the same purpose, and "an early feature [of the association], that has continued to the present, was an annual regatta, held at the University of Toronto Camp," Wunker said.

Current GLCA regatta commodore Tracey D'Alessio explained that the creation of the regatta followed some tragic drowning incidents on the lake.



The Gull Lake Cottagers' Association celebrated their 100th anniversary at their Annual General Meeting on Sunday, May 22 at Kilcoo Camp in Minden. Their annual regatta, featuring water games like this jousting match, has taken place at the University of Toronto Survey Camp on Gull Lake since 1922. / Photo submitted by the Gull Lake Cottagers' Association

Gull Lake Cottagers' Association interim president Judy Ingram said, "The association originally created the regatta in 1922 to promote water safety to encourage people, especially children, how to swim and be safe on the water."

The regatta has occurred every year since, said D'Alessio, and is now a social event with games and water sports for all ages such as swimming and canoeing. It is still held at the University of Toronto Survey Camp.

Ingram said that the GLCA's main priority is still health and safety, but has shifted to focus on the health of the lake.

"It's vital! We are working on educating residents on the shoreline and how they can help create a healthier lake environment," said Ingram. "The 100th anniversary is launching a climate change initiative to help study and learn how we, as seasonal and full-time residents, can help to lessen our impact on climate change for future generations."

In 1972, the Miner's Bay Property Owners Association and the Kawartha Gull Lake Cottagers' Association joined together, uniting both ends of the lake and creating the current Gull Lake Cottagers' Association.

Wunker said the objectives outlined by the

association 50 years ago were to prevent pollution, have clean lake water, and "promote an atmosphere of friendliness and respect for the rights of others," much like the principles of the present GLCA.

The association will be hosting their regatta, a golf tournament, and a rock bass derby this summer. For more information, visit glca.ca.

"I know I am looking forward to a long hot summer," said Ingram in her president's address in the GLCA newsletter. "See you all on the lake!"

Meet your Kinmount community

by VIVIAN COLLINGS
Times Staff

Kinmount invites you to meet some of the devoted volunteers in your community, and maybe grab a burger and win some prizes, on Saturday, May 28.

Almost 20 Kinmount organizations are hosting a free Meet Your Community event from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Kinmount Community Centre at 2 Dickson Street in Kinmount. The event will feature a free barbecue meal, games and prizes, a meet-and-greet with Kinmount volunteers, and displays of various organizations in the community.

"The Meet Your Community event is something that is important to the organizations and the community as a whole," said Christine Weerdenburg, member of the Kinmount and District Lions Club. "There have been people living in the area for a number of years that did not realize the work that many people do within the community groups."

The idea was brought forward to the Kinmount organizations by the Kinmount and District Lions Club and in 2019 the first Meet Your Community event was held.

Lynne Kilby of the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace said that the 2019 event was "a hit beyond our imagination. So many people came to check out the event and see our displays."

The organizations had planned to host the event again in 2020 and 2021, but COVID-19 health measures caused the groups to put the

event on hold until this year.

Kilby said that some Kinmount businesses and organizations did not make it through the pandemic and had to close their doors, so Meet Your Community will be an essential event to show attendees that the town has extensive volunteer and economic sectors.

"We are so excited to be back this year and holding the event for both long-time and new residents to come and see what Kinmount has to offer," Kilby said.

Each organization will have activities, giveaways, and raffle prizes at the event.

Weerdenburg is looking forward to sharing some history of the Kinmount and Districts Lions Club and what Lions do to help the community.

"We want to make sure that there is something for everyone to be a part of [at the event] if they wish," Weerdenburg said. "If they are new to the community then it's a great way to meet new people, but also there is maybe [a volunteer organization] that they would like to be part of."

Kinmount organizations are hosting Meet Your Community, an event featuring a free barbecue meal, meet and greet with volunteers, games and prizes, and displays of Kinmount businesses and organizations on Saturday, May 28 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Kinmount Community Centre. /Poster submitted

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ASES parent council hosts end-of-year concert

by SUE TIFFIN
Editor

Archie Stouffer Elementary School parent council is thrilled that a concert planned for last year but cancelled for the pandemic's public health safety measures can take place this year.

The group used a parent engagement grant to book local musical duo Nick & Benton for an end-of-school celebration in 2021, and have been able to carry the booking over to this year, instead.

"Luckily enough we're able to host it now live, which is fantastic," said parent council chair Jessica Little. "To be able to plan something, and just to be able to see people face to face, it's so exciting."

Members of the Archie Stouffer Elementary School community are invited to bring a blanket to sit on during the June 2 concert, which will be held in the school gymnasium. Doors open at 5:15, and the concert begins at 6 p.m., running for about an hour. Classrooms will be open for students to show to parents, and snacks and refreshments will be available. The event is not open to the general public, but Little did say that Grade 9 students who graduated from ASES last year were welcome, having been part of last year's school fundraising efforts.

Much of the fundraising effort from the parent council group comes from the sale of Little Caesars' pizza kits, which is then used to support school needs in some way.

"We did a poll with the teachers and they were [asking] for things to play with," said Little. "Over the years all the balls had been roofed or misplaced, so we bought an enormous amount of basketballs and footballs

and baseballs and hacky sacks, just different things for kids of all ages to do."

Little said the group purchased high-quality equipment for the older kids and smaller-sized equipment for the younger kids to be able to use.

"They're allowed to mingle with others now so it was nice to be able to give some stuff for them to play with outdoors," said Little. "They're loving them. We filled them all up and put them in bins by the doors and the teachers said they just race to the bins, grab the balls and out they go."

Little said there is much excitement around the June 2 concert and parent council is hoping for a good turnout.

"I'm really hoping it turns out to be a wonderful night," she said. "Nick and Benton are amazing, they are fantastic, so we're hoping for a great event."

The committee thanks Minden Home Hardware, Dollo's Foodland and Lisa Mercer Re/Max Professionals North for their donations for the event.

ASES parent council is inviting students and their families to an end-of-year concert on June 2, to be held in the school gymnasium. /Poster submitted



Everyone is invited to attend!

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Archie Stouffer Elementary School Parent council presents Nick & Benton

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Poquito Loco owner and operator Claudette Pitre assembles a taco during the first day for the Haliburton County Farmers' Markets in Minden.



Farmers' market opens for season

Vendor Irene Botter-Murphy of Buckslide Dog Treats is one of 41 vendors who are part of this year's Haliburton County Farmers' Markets, as seen in Minden on Saturday, May 21. Markets are held Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Minden at Milne Street and Pritchard Lane and also in Stanhope, after June 17, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Fridays at the fire hall, located at 1095 North Shore Road. The market in Minden operates until Oct. 8 and in Stanhope until Sept. 2. /DARREN LUM Staff

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Three-year-old Charlotte O'Hanley of Minden looks at pottery by Haliburton-based potter Sharon Lynch during the first day for the Haliburton County Farmers' Markets in Minden.



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Junior Red Hawks advance to COSSA

by **VIVIAN COLLINGS**
Times Staff

Win or lose, success is found among those who take a challenge and face it as a team.

In the pouring rain, the HHSS senior and junior girl's soccer teams each played a game on their sodden home field on Monday, May 16 against Kenner Collegiate and Vocational Institute (KCVI), which determined the senior's place at the Kawartha Championship on Friday, May 20 in Peterborough.

The junior team's final score was 4-1 for the Red Hawks with Tea Yates and Grace Graham each scoring a goal and Cheyenne Degeer scoring two. The team is first in the A division, so they faced Campbellford District High School at the Kawartha Championship on May 20.

The Red Hawks won this game 5-1, so they will advance to the Central Ontario Secondary Schools Association (COSSA) Championship on Wednesday, May 25 at KCVI.

Red Hawks junior girl's soccer coach Courtney Cook said that the small-school team has been able to find success by working on team skills and having fun together on the field.

"We kind of have the typical underdog story. We are a small, rural school facing larger, urban schools. We aren't expected to win. Yet, the girls were able to show AA and AAA schools that we are a force to be reck-

oned with," she said.

The Red Hawks senior girl's team had a close game on May 16, but lost with a final score of 1-0 for KCVI. The Red Hawks were placed in a semi-final game at the Kawartha Championship in order to play a final game.

Harmony Moher, Grade 12 senior girl's player, said that she had confidence that the team could win their games, as they started the season with some losses, but were redeemed with great wins by focusing on working together as a whole.

"We stayed composed throughout the entire game on Monday even when things seemed tough and impossible. I am proud of the team for taking the feedback given to them and applying it straight away when playing on the field," she said.

Senior girl's team captain Bella Smolen said that many of the players on the team, like herself, have not played soccer before this year due to a hiatus in team sports during the COVID-19 pandemic, which meant that they had to learn to work together on the field.

Smolen said, "Our team went from playing individually on the field to playing as a unit and involving everyone when possible to increase our chances of winning."

The senior team had a great win in their first game at the Kawartha Championship with a score of 5-1, but lost 2-0 in the final game and will not be moving on to the COSSA Championship.



Tea Yates from the HHSS junior girl's soccer team battles against a Kenner Collegiate Vocational Institute (KCVI) opponent during their home game on Monday, May 16. The HHSS junior team won the game 4-1. The team will advance to the Central Ontario Secondary Schools Association (COSSA) Championship on Wednesday, May 25 at KCVI. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

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Answers on page 13



Silver lining

Red Hawks senior runner Liah Gallant charges for the finish line for second place in the 200 metre dash at the Kawartha Track and Field Championship at Thomas A. Stewart Secondary School on May 12 in Peterborough. Gallant, who also finished first in the 100 metre dash and the long jump, advanced to the COSSA championships held on May 19. /Submitted by Karen Gervais

GENERATIONS



Open house

The Hal High Welcome Back Tour Open House last week (May 11) hosted a talent show, booths by community partners, classrooms were open to tour, and food was served by the hospitality class. /Photos by Christine Carr



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Puzzle partnership

The Interact students – including Anabelle Borgdorff, seen here – in partnership with Rotaract and Rotary, are selling puzzles to raise money for their partnership school in India. Puzzles are \$35 each and people can email haliburtonrotaract@gmail.com if they are interested (or fill out the order form on Rotaract social media). / Submitted by Christine Carr







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AROUND THE COUNTY TOWN



Big Catch, Big Cheque

Dan Smith, Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association president, presents Kimberly MacDonald (and her grandson Sawyer) with her HHOA Big Catch 50/50 "Big Cheque" for \$2,270 (half of the \$4,540 pot). Kim won the first monthly draw of the HHOA 50/50 fundraiser. "What a nice surprise it was to have the winning number in the 50/50 draw," said MacDonald. "This is a great way to support the Haliburton hatchery. The volunteer crew at the hatchery are doing a fantastic job supporting the Haliburton community." Get your tickets today at bigcatch5050.ca /Photo submitted by HHOA



Junk in the trunk

Rotaract Haliburton Highlands cleaned up one kilometre of roadway along County Road 21 for the County of Haliburton's Adopt-A-Road program on Wednesday, May 18. The group collected 10 bags of garbage and plans to host another roadside clean-up in the fall. From left, Christine Carr, Trevor Sinclair, Becca Anderson, Scott Walling kneeling, Drew Staniforth, Steven Lee, and Taylor Vince. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

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Neighbours helping neighbours

Adam and Hayden Thorn (Grade 9) of Algonquin Highlands left at 4 a.m. on Sunday morning to help a community in need after Saturday's storm caused extensive damage in the Uxbridge area. Together they helped remove fallen trees from houses and cars, returning Monday morning at around 1 a.m. "It was a crazy long day but well worth it to work alongside some amazing crews, a great friend, and to bring smiles to those that really needed the help," said Adam. /Photos submitted



Three cheers for Minden

The Minden Skating Club gives a huge shoutout to their cheer section who got first place in team spirit at a recent competition in Orillia. /Photo by Minden Skating Club

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Henry leaves behind loving Wife Shirley Colliss, Brother Hermann (Joan), Sister Katie Stamm, Daughters; Brenda Yoshida (Brian), Melanie Sutherland (John) Stepson's; Kim Colliss (Karen), Mike Colliss, Stepdaughter Marie Colliss (Rod), Grandchildren Tucker, Raiden, Bailey.

Predeceased by parents Abraham & Elisabeth Martens, loving Wife Shirley Martens, and Sister Anna Marie Van Der Maden.

He will be missed by many nieces, nephew's, cousins, in-laws and friends.

Humble beginnings in Germany the family set sail for Canada aboard Arosa Kulm in 1954. Many waves later they docked in Quebec, explored the prairies and 13 tires later settled in Ont. He discovered football in Canada is not played on a soccer field and shoes were a must. Farming was enjoyed before becoming a certified Auto Body repairman and held record accolades for no returns his whole career. Driving was his passion when not in the raspberries or pumpkin patch. Bowling trophies were proudly displayed and water sports were enjoyed. Well known for his waffle breakfasts and volunteering at various churches, thrift shops or anyone needing a hand. His last few winter's were enjoyed in FI among the manatees and alligators.

We would like to thank the staff at Peterborough hospital for their exceptional help. In lieu of flowers donations are greatly appreciated at the cancer society or charity of choice.

Celebration of life to be held June 25th in Southampton, interment Lovat Corner.



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Janet Mary Panabaker (nee Dickson)

passed away on Monday, May 16th, 2022 at her residence in Waterloo, Ontario. She was 98 years old.

In the last years of her life, Janet would express a desire to "go home"—home to God and her parents and siblings who were waiting for her.

Literally, home meant the village of Blair, Ontario, where she was born on April 11th, 1924. Janet later spoke of Blair as a kind of rural paradise of fields, woods, ponds, and caring neighbours—a place where the whole community was forever related "by blood or by Blair." She was the youngest (and last survivor) of David and Bessie Dickson's six children: Ed, Jean, Helen, Bob, Joe, and Janet.

Spiritually, Janet's yearning for home reflected the profound nature of her faith—a faith she realized in her early teens and which carried her through her life. Janet was an active member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Kitchener, and served in many roles including Sunday School teacher, member (and President) of the Women's Missionary Society, Elder, and Stephen Minister. Home, to Janet, was the certainty of God's embrace. People always seemed drawn to Janet's quiet confidence in her faith and her joy in living.

Throughout her life, Janet had many adventures. In 1943, after graduating high school and two years of clerical work, Janet enlisted in the RCAF where she served for three years within Ontario, though she was always modest about her service. After WWII, Janet trained as a nursery nurse at the Hospital for Sick Children before returning to clerical work. Children and family would be her life and calling, and nothing pleased Janet more than meeting a new baby.

In 1952, while working at the Mutual Life of Canada, Janet met John Harry Panabaker through carpooling from Preston to Waterloo. They married in 1954 and began a life together that revolved around family, the church, friends, community service, and John's growing career. This April marked Janet and John's 68th wedding anniversary.

In 1971, with the family continuing to grow, Janet and John bought their beloved Haliburton cottage, which became the heart of the family and a second home in their retirement. When not enjoying the serenity of summers on Horseshoe Lake (and sunsets with licorice), Janet enjoyed attending the symphony and theatre. Both avid readers, Janet and John also loved travelling together—everything from short trips to tropical holidays to European vacations.

Janet will be greatly missed by many, especially her husband John, her children, David Panabaker (Debbie), James Panabaker (Sheila), Leslie Bennett (Mike), Doran Hayes, Ian Panabaker (Helen), her five grandchildren (Tim, Rob, Kate, Jamie, and Sophie), and her five great grandchildren (Calum, Brendan, Malakai, Desmond, and Levi). She will also be missed by her three nieces, Lorna, Anne, and Janet, and her nephew, Bob.

The family would like to express our heartfelt thanks to Lorene and Jessica and their team of caregivers at Genesis Comfort Care, who were always there to support and comfort Janet in the last years of her life.

A visitation will be held on Wednesday, May 25th, 2022, from 2PM to 4PM at Erb & Good Funeral Home, 171 King Street South, Waterloo. The funeral service will be held Thursday, May 26th, 2022, at 11AM also at Erb & Good Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to Plan International, or a charity of one's choice.

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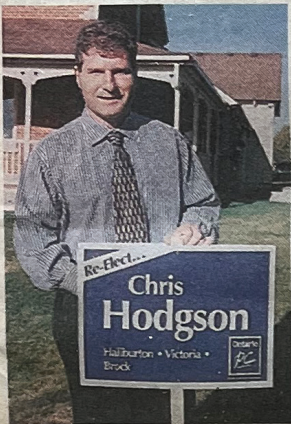
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Incumbent, PC Chris Hodgson.

The candidate also opened his Lindsay campaign office on Cambridge Street.

Sharon McCrae was out meeting voters even before the Premier had announced the long anticipated election. Wednesday she travelled to a number of communities in the riding. Once she heard the election had been called officially, she began putting up campaign signs from the supply in the trunk of her car. She was also out meeting constituents on the street and lining up her election team.



Liberal challenger Sharon McCrae.

New Democratic candidate Rick Denyer, an employee at the Beer Store in Lindsay, had to complete his week at work before he could start serious campaigning. Friday night he completed his last day of work before beginning a leave of absence that will cover the campaign period. He planned to begin his campaign immediately,

(more on page 4)



FASTER HIGHER FARTHER

HHSS students test their athletic abilities at the annual track and field meet



TOP: Nick Kulas, Jesse Sternberg and Greg Simmons round the corner in the 400 metres.

MIDDLE: a pole vaulter clears the bar.

BOTTOM: Matt Reid preapres to launch the discus.

(Photos and article by Kevin Brezina and Jerry Grozelle)

The annual HHSS track meet met with great weather and an enthusiastic crowd Thursday.

The bright sunshine brought many students to the side of the track to witness their fellow classmates compete and have fun in a number of track and field events. Coach Paul Morissette was pleased with the event as it ran smoothly throughout the day, and was happy to see so many students keeping fit and enjoying themselves by partaking in the HHSS track and field program.

For the fourth year in a row, Kate Campbell continued to write her

name all over the record books, this year in the Senior Girls Division. With the 100 metres, 200 metres, and 400 metre hurdles records under her belt, Campbell now boasts over a dozen HHSS track records, and is looking forward to following up her gold medal finish at OFSAA last year with yet another record breaking season. Of course Campbell was not the only one to rewrite the record book. Liane Dron set a junior girls discus record with a toss of 31.96 metres. Cailey Sisson set a new pole vault record at 2.33 metres.

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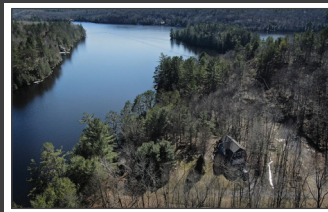
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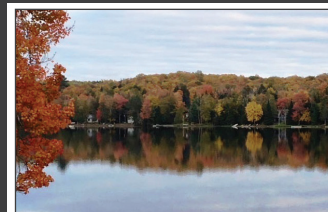


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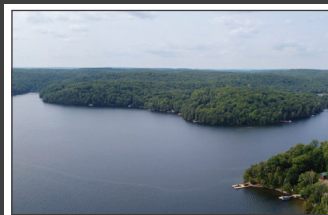
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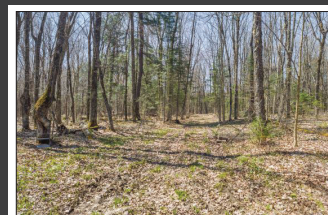
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- Private 4.4 acre lot minutes to Haliburton



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Darlene Reil*
447-2055

Essonville Line \$269,900

- 21+ Acres
- Walk To All Amenities
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Greg Stamp*
457-2128 x 128

Eighth Lane \$279,000

- Year Round Living in Hunter Creek Estates
- 2 Bdrm / 2 Baths
- Minutes from Town of Minden



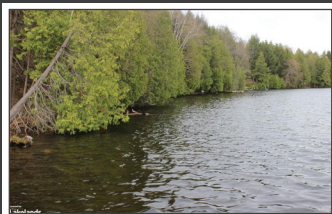
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Melanie Vigrass*
286-2138 x 232

3 Bedroom Home

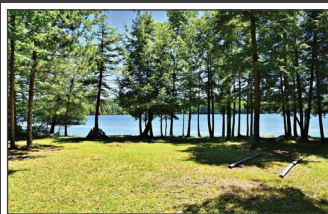
- Open Concept Living
- Full, Walk-out Basement
- 1.5 acres, Centrally Located between Minden and Haliburton



Lindsay Wilkinson*
286-2138 x 223

Salerno Lake \$349,000

- 172' waterfront Lot
- 1.17 acres
- Sunset exposure
- Ideal for walkout basement



Andrea Wilson**
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